

What is claimed is:

1. A bi-lingual conversion system for automatically converting a first language into a
2 second language different from said first language, comprising:

3 a memory for storing an incoming character stream of said first language; and
4 controller means for determining whether an automatic conversion mode is selected by a
5 user, and determining whether said character stream agrees with a respective list rule when a space
6 command is detected in said character stream and said automatic conversion mode is selected by the
7 user, and for converting said character stream into a corresponding character stream of said second
8 language according to a pronunciation rule of the respective language when said character stream
9 does not agree with said list rule.

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2 corresponding to Korean, and said second language corresponding to English.

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2 corresponding to English, and said second language corresponding to Korean.

1. The bi-lingual conversion system of claim 2, further comprised of said controller
2 means further:

3 converting a Korean character stream into English when said Korean character stream does

4 not agree with the Korean pronunciation rule;
5 converting an English character stream into Korean when said English character stream does
6 not agree with the Korean pronunciation rule; and
7 converting a bi-lingual character stream of Korean and English according to said
8 predetermined priority order.

1 5. A bi-lingual conversion method for automatically converting one language into
2 another language comprising steps of:

3 storing an incoming character stream;
4 determining whether said character stream agrees with a respective list rule when a space
5 command is detected in said character stream, and an automatic conversion mode is selected; and
6 converting said character stream into a corresponding character stream of a complementary
7 language according to a pronunciation rule of the respective language when said character stream
8 does not agree with said list rule.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprised of said two languages corresponding to
2 Korean and English.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein said step for converting said character stream
2 comprises:

3 converting a Korean character stream into English when said Korean character stream does

- 4 not agree with the Korean pronunciation rule;
- 5 converting an English character stream into Korean when said English character stream does
- 6 not agree with the Korean pronunciation rule; and
- 7 converting a bi-lingual character stream according to a predetermined priority order.